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Deputy Niamh Smyth,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re; PQ ref 6663/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of ophthalmology clinics (details supplied); the days on which the services are operational; the locations of the clinics; if clarity will be provided in relation to clinics in Cavan town; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response.

Since replying this question in September 2020, we have experienced a further surge in Covid 19 and as such the operation of the service has not changed since the previous correspondence we issued to you. I can also confirm the following:

- Patients can access the service in **Virginia Primary Care Centre (Dublin Road, Virginia, Co. Cavan)** or **North Monaghan Primary Care Centre (St. Davnet's Complex, Rooskey, Co. Monaghan)**. Services are operational as follows:
 - Dr O'Regan has a clinic in Monaghan on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Dr Blake has a clinic in Virginia on Monday and Thursday
 - Shelia Callanan, Orthoptist has clinics in Virginia on Monday, Thursday and Friday and in Monaghan on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The numbers of patients attending the service has been reduced but not because of the location, rather the impact of the Infection Control precautions and Social Distancing measures, we have had to put in place to deal with the current Covid pandemic.

It is our intention to resume services in Cavan Town when we open services in Connolly Street Primary Care Centre which we believe will be in the second quarter 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Monaghan,
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